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SEASHORE DANGER

CORONER'S WARNING

MARINE KILLED BY LAND MINE

"I feel impelled to call attention to the danger which anyone incurs who walks on any part of the seashore," said a borough coroner at an inquest on Saturday on Marine William Ernest Kerslake, aged 24.

Kerslake was a member of a working party engaged on a section of the beach. During the lunch hour, in company with two other men, he strolled along the beach and was killed by the explosion of a land mine.

Sgt. A. H. Boalch, who was in charge of the working party, said all the men had been warned that it was dangerous to go on any other part of the beach other than that on which they were working. During the lunch hour on Thursday he heard an explosion and saw two men hurrying along the beach towards him. They were badly shocked and told him Kerslake had been blown up.

Mne. Cyril Christopher Hervey said that in company with deceased and Marine Angell he went for a walk on the beach. They knew the beach had been mined.

The Coroner: You knew it was a very risky thing to do?

Witness: Yes.

Witness said Kerslake dropped behind as they were walking on the beach. When he was about 200 yards behind they heard an explosion. Looking round they saw a column of smoke and things flying about. When the smoke subsided they could see nothing of Kerslake.

Corroborative evidence was given by Mne. Reginald Charles Angell.

D/C W. Ashby said Kerslake's head and legs were blown off and he was identified by his identity disc.

Returning a verdict of "Accidental death," the Coroner said "I feel impelled to call attention to the danger which anyone incurs who walks on any part of the seashore. Like many other things which one is impelled to emphasise from time to time it is like beating the air. People will do these foolish things. They think they know. They take a risk which perhaps older people would not take. This attitude of mind has resulted in the loss of a great many valuable lives. If there is anything possible that can be done by way of enforcing stricter discipline to prevent men doing these things which they should not do, such steps should be taken. I know soldiers cannot be treated as children and have nursemaids running after them but I think it should be regarded as a military crime for a man to imperil his own life needlessly by going to places he has been told he should not go."

The Coroner said Kerslake was a married man and he expressed sympathy with the widow who had lost her husband in a totally unnecessary way.

MR. BURBRIDGE COMES to TOWN

AND ABUSES THE POLICE

KING-STREET SCENE

Alleging that he was being victimised by the police, Frederick James Burbridge, aged 41, dealer, whose address was given as Town Hall Restaurant, Margate, was fined £2 at Ramsgate police court on Monday for using threatening and abusive language in King-street on 19th December.

Burbridge constantly interjected remarks during the proceedings and was reminded by the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) that there was such an offence as contempt of court.

W R Wilmoth said that on the evening of 19th December he saw defendant's car parked in King-street. Although the vehicle had been partially immobilised the rotor arm had not been removed. As he was examining the rotor arm defendant appeared out of the darkness with another man and said "I have been watching you. You can put that back. You leave my car alone. If I catch you again I will crack my spare tyre over your head."

Witness handed to the bench a slip of paper on which were written a number of observations alleged to have been made by defendant, and further remarks which he was alleged to have made on 31st December respecting the case.

Could Not Read It.

When he was handed the slips of paper Burbridge remarked "Can't read it, sir."

The Chairman then called Burbridge to his side and repeated to him the words on the paper.

"Not guilty," replied Burbridge.

Asked if he wished to question the witness, Burbridge said "You have victimised me, haven't you?"

Witness: No.

Burbridge: Yes you have, through your Chief Constable. Did you find the doors of the car locked?—Yes.

How many minutes was the car left?—I don't know.

You don't know. You are a fine policeman.—It was part of my duty to examine the car.

Your Chief Constable has told you wrong. You should not touch it when the doors are locked. You got hold of the rotor arm and threw it on the floor?—No, it dropped out of my hand.

You said you could not put the damn thing back?—No.

Burbridge alleged that W R Wilmoth was victimising him because he told him he should have stopped the driver of a car for driving dangerously at the Market some time previously.

In reply to the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler), witness said he did not know defendant or anything about him so there could be no question of victimisation.

Burbridge (to the Chief Constable): You know me, though. You have known me since 1918.

Burbridge said he wanted to ask the Chief Constable a question, but was told he could not do so.

Burbridge stated that he left his car in King-street and locked the doors. "I was away only a few minutes and when I returned I found the constable trying to steal something from my car," continued Burbridge. "He is not entitled by law to touch my car if the doors are locked. Every time I come into Ramsgate the police run round after me. When there was trouble down the tunnel why didn't the Chief Constable charge that man?"

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): You have only to answer this charge. You can't make accusations against the Chief Constable.

Asked if there were any previous convictions against defendant, the Chief Constable said he did not think he need mention them all. The last time Burbridge was before the court he was fined £2 for using abusive language.

All Nonsense.

"I ask this," said the Chief Constable. "This man must be stopped from abusing the police. This talk about victimisation is all nonsense. The officer was carrying out his duty. He had a right to examine the car. There was no necessity for this abuse. If this does not stop I shall have to think what other measures I can take.

Burbridge: You have done that since 1918.

The Chief Constable: The police can't be abused like this.

Burbridge: And we are not going to be charged like this. We are not dogs.

Announcing that he would be fined £2, the Chairman said the bench felt that Burbridge was acting in a very reprehensible manner.

"You are a very unwise man," continued the Chairman. "I hope you will take this to heart and give the police no further trouble."

Burbridge: Tell them to keep away from me, then.

"Have a Gestapo," said Burbridge when the Chairman made a further comment respecting his behaviour towards the police.

"There is such a thing as contempt of court," said the Chairman.

DECEMBER SAVINGS

During the four weeks ending 27th December Ramsgate investments in war savings totalled £8,031.

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Kent children who have been evacuated to areas outside Kent will be examined in the area in which they are residing. Parents of evacuated children should not apply for application forms as special arrangements will be made by reception authorities.

P. R. MORRIS
Director of Education.

CHASED HIS LORRY

WHEN IT RAN DOWN A HILL

There was a sequel at Ramsgate police court on Monday to an accident in which a lorry ran backwards down a hill and crashed through a wall in front of a house.

The driver of the lorry, Ernest William Smithers, aged 50, of La Belle Alliance-square, was summoned for having failed effectually to set the brakes on 10th December.

P/C Brown said that at 8.30 p.m. on 10th December defendant, whom he saw in Trinity-place, said his lorry had run backwards down the hill and crashed into the wall in front of a house in Hereson-road. Defendant told him he pulled up outside the garage and got out of the lorry to undo the doors. As he was undoing the doors he looked round and saw the lorry running backwards down the hill.

P C Terry, who carried out an examination, said the brakes were in good order. If the hand brake had been properly set the lorry would not have run away.

"It's a mystery to me," defendant told the magistrates. He raced after the lorry and was in the cab at the time it hit the wall. If there had been a further two yards he could have stopped it. He had been driving for 22 years and this was his first accident. It was the second time the lorry had done the same thing—once with another driver.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): Then it is up to you to tell your employers and see that it is put right.

Defendant was fined 10s.

CATHEDRAL CHORISTER

Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cockin, formerly of Broadstairs, Michael Charles Cockin, nine-year-old choirboy at the Parish Church, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, has been selected as a chorister for Lichfield Cathedral.

Mr. Cockin, who was at one time on the staff of the late Mr. L. A. Skinner in Broadstairs Council offices, and also for many years secretary at Stone House School, has for the past ten years been steward at a Staffordshire County Council hospital.

Michael is a grandson of Mr. C. W. H. Blogg, who was for several years in business as a baker at St. Peter's and is now residing with his wife at Yarranton, Lindenthorpe-road.

MOTHERS GO TO PRISON

SOLDIERS' WIVES WHO SPENT TOO MUCH TIME OUT

Two Westgate women who according to a police inspector, would have been better employed looking after their homes, were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at Margate Quarter Sessions on Friday for thefts from houses at Westgate and Birchington.

The women, Mrs. Ruby Walters, aged 27, and Mrs. Florence Slingo, aged 43, both of Westbury-road, Westgate, pleaded guilty to charges of stealing goods to the value of £57 19s. from Far Bay, Westleigh-road, Westgate, and goods value £20 from No. 6 Beach-avenue, Birchington.

D/I Cory said Walters lived in Westgate with her two children. Her husband was serving in the Army in the Middle East. There were no previous convictions against her. Slingo also had two children but one was evacuated. Her husband was in the Army and there were no convictions against her. The women had been about together and evidently spent too much time out. They would have been better employed looking after their homes. Slingo was in receipt of 45s. from the Army authorities. She had no rent to pay as she looked after an elderly man and was allowed accommodation in his home. In the circumstances she was not badly off.

Walters told the Recorder (Mr. Abercrombie Gordon, K.C.) that when she had no money Mrs. Slingo gave her food for the children. She wanted another chance for the sake of her children. She had often starved with them but she had never before taken anything.

In reply to the Recorder, Mr. A. L. Stevenson, who prosecuted, said that when the women were stopped by W R Norman they were making a second journey with articles from Far Bay.

Passing sentence, the Recorder said it was not a sudden temptation in the case of either of the women as they had gone to and from their own homes to the houses where they had taken the goods.

The Recorder commended W R Norman, who was responsible for the arrest of the women, saying "I think you carried out your duties extremely well."

Walters burst out crying when she heard the sentence, and a prison wardress had to help her down the stairs to the police station, where she could be heard crying and shouting for some minutes.

YOUNG HOUSEBREAKER

GIVEN FRESH START IN NAVY

Four cases of housebreaking at Ramsgate were taken into consideration at Canterbury City Quarter Sessions on Friday when Roy Herbert Solly, aged 18, formerly of Ramsgate, pleaded guilty to two charges of housebreaking in the city.

Solly was bound over for two years and as he was a deserter from H.M.S. Pembroke was handed over to the Naval authorities.

The Ramsgate cases involved two charges of breaking into two houses in Codrington-road, one in Ayton-road and one in Duncan-road and stealing quantities of food.

It was stated that some years previously Solly was sent to an approved school by the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court.

HORSEPLAY IN TRAIN

PITBOYS DAMAGE RACKS

Three pitboys employed at Chislet Colliery, two of whom were alleged to have ridden on the luggage rack in the carriage of the miners' train, appeared at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

The boys, Godfrey David Yandle, aged 15, of Chatham-street, Leonard Ledley, aged 16, of West Cliff-road, and Mervyn Cook, aged 15, of St. Luke's-avenue, pleaded not guilty to summonses alleging that they wantonly damaged to the extent of £1 the equipment of a Southern Railway carriage on 24th November.

Mr. J. Smythe, who prosecuted on behalf of the railway company, said that when the miner's train arrived at Margate the guard noticed that in one carriage the netting of both hand-luggage racks had been broken and there were footmarks on the sides of the carriage and on the seats, indicating that someone had been climbing on to the racks.

Frederick Sabine, guard on the train, said the netting in the compartment was torn from the racks and was touching the seats.

George Alan Dale, detective in the Southern Railway police, said he interviewed the three boys. Ledley stated that when the train was between Chislet and Grove Ferry Yandle put Cook on the rack. They were all wrestling in the compartment and he also climbed on to one of the racks. Both Yandle and Cook made similar statements.

All three boys told the magistrates that they committed no damage and they were not in the part of the train in which the damage was caused.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said Yandle had previously been on probation but had given no trouble to the police since January, 1939.

The boys were placed on probation for a year, ordered to pay 4s. costs each, and Yandle was ordered to pay 10s. and Cook and Ledley 5s. each towards the damage.

NOT MUCH FOR A PENNY

In the coming year it is estimated that a penny rate at Broadstairs will produce £213.

Immediately prior to the war the produce of a penny rate was estimated at £655.

SCOUTS AT WAR

WRITE HOME TO RAMSGATE

Former members of the East Cliff Scouts, Ramsgate, now serving in all branches of the Forces contribute messages to the new year issue of the Troop's "News Letter."

Sympathy and congratulations are also extended to Sgt. Plt. John Withers, R.A.F., who was returning to England by air for posting to another sphere of activity when the pilot had to make a crash landing and the plane burst into flames. All the crew escaped with minor injuries but Sgt. Plt. Withers, who has since returned to Ramsgate on leave, lost all his private gear and a large batch of letters he had written ready for posting.

Extracts are published of letters written in the Middle East by S Sgt. F. E. Denmee, who is full of optimism, Sgt. A. Danton, who finds the mail situation exasperating, and Pte. H. Mynott, who was able to get some sea bathing after travelling through Palestine and right along the Syrian border.

African Ants.

Serving with the West African Forces, Sgt. R. Snowsell wrote: "About a couple of feet away from me, peacefully sleeping (I hope!) is a grand spider—a huge fellow with a big fat body about four or five inches across. It would turn their hair grey at home if he happened to wander in on them! . . . I shall never be worried again about ants—we have every variety here, from the 'driver' ant to the little black 'stink' ant; those that bite and those that merely nibble; and big blighters who decide to take swimming lessons in your tea! But who's worrying—I ain't.

"One of the 'boys' has just got a scorpion bite; they are very painful for a while. The native places more faith in his 'charms' than in medical treatment, and is quite content if someone knows the correct words! The other day I saw a native with a bottle of liniment, so I asked him where he ached. He said he did not ache anywhere, but he liked **drinking it**!!! There's no accounting for taste! I can only hope that I don't get so 'Africanised' that I take to these queer habits. . . .

"Gosh! how I remember our Easter outing to St. Margaret's—what a grand time we had that day—doughnuts, football—all sorts of little things like that float through my mind—and how a certain Scouter learnt to remove 'crown stoppers' with a Scout belt! It is when we look back on times like those that we realise that we must strain every effort to get this rotten business over. . . .

Upon the Hills.

"As I sit on my little verandah, I look across the valley and see the wood smoke rising from countless small fires round which African families are preparing their evening meal. I know that the days will come when I shall look out from my tent on an English hillside and see the smoke rising from the cottage chimneys of a Cotswold village where 'Home is the sailor, home from the sea and the hunter home from the kill.'

"And now the sun is going down behind the hills in a wonderful splash of red and orange; the African twilight is here; soon it will be quite dark—'with one stride comes the night'—and then the strange noises of the night will commence. How I love the hills, perhaps because I was born in the Cotswolds—they look so solid—'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.' My help is in the knowledge that as they stand there—immovable and encircling—so is the strength of God, who will bring us out of this great tribulation into the light of His glorious peace once more."

From Pte. E. Mantle, serving in Malta, comes the news that although he lost the bantam-weight boxing final on points he won a very nice medal.

As Pte. Mantle points out, the troop will never be short of a yarn on Scout nights when the war is over as so many of the old Scouts will have thrilling experiences to relate. "I'm sure," adds the representative of the troop in Malta, "that if I got up to spin a yarn I should need a week in which to give it."

A FALSE PASS

ABSENTEE'S ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

An Army absentee who tried to escape from custody while being taken to the police station appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate on Monday.

Pte. Thomas Gerald Gleeson, aged 28, of the Royal Army Service Corps, pleaded guilty to being absent without leave since 27th December.

D C Hopper said that on the evening of 3rd January he saw defendant in Princess-road and asked to see his Army pay book. Defendant produced it and also a pass for the period 28th December-4th January. The pass appeared to be genuine. Witness subsequently made enquiries of defendant's unit and the previous morning called at No. 2 Princess-road, where he saw Gleeson hiding behind a bedroom door. He told him he had reason to believe that the pass he had produced was not genuine and defendant replied "Yes, I burned the pass." On the way to the police station Gleeson endeavoured to escape. There was a struggle on the ground but witness managed to get him to the police station, where he was charged.

The magistrates ordered that defendant should be handed over to a military escort, which was waiting outside the court.

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RAMSGATE SCOUTS FIND LIFE AT SEA EXCITING

The destruction in the Mediterranean by the destroyers Farndale, Kipling, Hasty and Hotspur of three enemy submarines—two German and one Italian—was announced by Adml. Sir Andrew Cunningham on Friday.

Two former members of the East Cliff, Ramsgate, Scouts are among the crew of the destroyer Farndale.

In the January issue of the troop "News Letter," one of them, Ord. Sig. N. Lewington, writes: "I have been away from home for a long time now and in various theatres of war, including Norway, Dakar, Oran and in the Mediterranean, where I am at present. It has been a sort of 'roving' commission. I am in the same ship as Doug. Bredbere. I also met E. Stankiste some time ago. I find it very difficult to write letters because, although life is so full of incident and excitement, we just can't say anything about what goes on and there is nothing else to write about."

Ldg. Tel. E. Stankiste, R.N., to whom reference is made above, also contributes a January message to the "News Letter." "As you know," he writes, "I missed the big 'do' at Crete but I did catch up the Greek affair and had quite a time of it. I am feeling fit again now and expect soon to be fit for full duty. I can't say a lot about my 'adventures' but they have been numerous and in most cases exciting. I had a taste of Norway and Dunkirk and they were full of 'incidents.' After a long term of service my old ship went to Davy Jones, and unfortunately many of my pals went with her. . . ."

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NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

Tenders are to be invited by Ramsgate Town Council for the purchase of salvaged metals from demolished properties and the Works Committee have been authorised to accept a tender.

COUNCIL OF READERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HELP FOR RUSSIAN HORSES

From Sir Robert Gower, K.C.V.O., M.P.

Sir,—The R.S.P.C.A. has received through the British Government from the Soviet Union a first request for £40,000 worth of veterinary supplies for Army horses.

In spite of mechanisation, thousands of horses are being used by our Russian allies. It is impossible to give exact figures but some idea of the numbers involved may be gauged by the fact that when war began Poland's horse population was five millions and in total war all forms of transport are brought into service. Russia is many times larger than Poland. British Press Correspondents in Russia constantly refer to "horse-drawn supply trains consisting of wagons or sleighs and tens of thousands of cavalry."

To meet the first request above mentioned and subsequent requirements the R.S.P.C.A. desires to raise £100,000, and I am glad to say that Mrs. Winston Churchill has consented to be vice-president of the fund formed for the purpose.

The R.S.P.C.A is to the horse in war what the Red Cross is to the soldier. May I beg space for urgent and generous help from your readers for these animals? Any donation will be gratefully acknowledged through our War Animals (Allies) Funds.

ROBERT GOWER,
Chairman.

R.S.P.C.A.,
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WALCHA TO RAMSGATE

NEW W.V.S. MOBILE CANTEEN

The gift of the Walcha W.V.S., New South Wales, a new and larger W.V.S. mobile canteen is now in service at Ramsgate.

The former mobile canteen operated by the Ramsgate W.V.S. could be used only for the distribution of refreshments but in the new canteen, which is of the latest type, hot refreshments can be prepared.

The canteen was inspected by members of Ramsgate Town Council following a meeting of the Council at Clarendon House on Thursday.

Councillor A. R. Young, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, paid tribute to the usefulness of the gift.

The Council have assumed responsibility for the maintenance and service of the new canteen as part of the fleet of civil defence vehicles, and the Civil Defence Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler) has been authorised to arrange for the provision of drivers for night duty in order to assist the W.V.S. in its operation.

VICAR AND PARISH

NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING

Councillor H. Noble and Mr. L. Harrison, churchwardens of St. Peter's, report that the Parochial Church Council has recently had a very busy time.

On 25th November their representatives met the Vicar, the Rev. L. F. Hamel-Smith, at St. Martin's Priory, Canterbury, and discussed the parochial situation under the guidance of the Bishop of Dover. Four days later, they state, the Bishop "honoured the Council by giving us all guidance and inspiration."

A further meeting of the Church Council was held on 18th December to consider the Vicar's reply to the letter sent from the former meeting.

"At the time of writing," add the churchwardens in the January issue of the parish magazine, "this is all that can be stated as negotiations are still proceeding and the Parochial Church Council earnestly hopes that a satisfactory solution has been found to the recent parochial difficulties."

RUSSIAN FLAG DAY SUCCESS

As reported in our previous issue the sum of £130 7s. 1d. was raised by the flag day held at Ramsgate on behalf of the Aid for Russia Fund.

The successful collectors included Matron General Hospital, £12 3s. 8d.; wardens' posts, £10 5s.; the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), £9 1s. 9d.; Mrs. Targett, £7 14s.; Mr. Muir (Northwood Fire Station), £7 9s. 2d.; Mr. March (Chilton), £5 13s. 8d.; Mr. Ansell, £5 0s. 6d.; Mrs. Thom, £4 4s. 6d.; Mrs. Todd, £4; Mr. Wing, £3 9s. 2d.; Nurse Howells, £3 2s.; Mrs. Stock, £2 5s. 6d.; Mrs. Blinko, £2 4s. 8d.; Mrs. Lock, £2 1s. 9d.; Mr. Aird, £1 14s. 7d.; Mrs. Baker, £1 11s. 11d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £1 8s. 11d.; Miss Howell £1 7s. 4d.; Mrs. Morrison, £1 7s.; Mr. Britton £1 6s. 11d.; Miss Le Gallais, £1 6s. 4d.; Mrs. Fiddyment, £1 5s. 9d.; Mrs. Bickerton, £1 5s. 1d.; Mrs. Pook, £1 4s. 5d.; Miss Spain, £1 0s. 8d.; Mrs. Summerfield, £1 0s. 1d.

In addition to many smaller amounts collected in the streets and at business premises, the total was assisted by donations of £1 each from Miss Bugden and St. Mark's Church, Northwood.

A collection at St. George's Church produced £9 0s. 4d.

Margate's flag day total of £109 17s. 4d. included £15 19s. 3d. collected at Birchington and £7 18s. 7d. received at Westgate.

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCES

Ramsgate Town Council have decided to support the following resolution submitted by the Town Clerk of Bridgnorth:

"That the allowances of dependents of those serving in any branch of H.M. Forces should be adequate to provide for their wants and comforts without the necessity of having to apply for supplementary assistance."

At Thursday's meeting of the Town Council the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said he hoped the resolution would be unanimously supported. Lots of families of members of H.M. Forces in Ramsgate came to him for relief from his Distress Fund, and also to be clothed.

"I think we should object very much to that," said the Mayor. "No soldier or sailor or any member of the forces should want while they are fighting for us."

The Mayor's wish was granted and the Council unanimously supported the resolution.

FEWER CASUALTY CARS

Under the Kent County Council review of casualty services the number of first-line cars for sitting cases at Ramsgate has been reduced from eight to four.

The Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee have decided to retain the surplus cars for transfer to other local authorities requiring a replacement vehicle and if possible to utilise one of the cars as the general purposes car for civil defence as authorised by the Council.

At Thursday's meeting of the Town Council Councillor W. L. Knibbs suggested it would be better to disperse the cars in different parts of the town for safety and keep them in case they were required at a later date.

Councillor A. R. Young, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said the suggestion would be considered by the committee.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

END OF THE MONTH

By R. A. J. WALLING

Ann Roebuck had become very fond of Peter after playing with him for four or five months in regions of London where her fifty shillings a week from Old Scrooge would not have admitted her. "Old Scrooge," by the way, was the lawyer who paid her for being his faithful acolyte with notebook and typewriter.

At the moment when Ann entered upon the great adventure she was having lunch with Peter at one of those murky but expensive places in the West End to which he lured her. The Veronica specialised in little cubicles for tête-à-tête meals. It was in one of them that Ann gave him her ultimatum. He was rather a dear and quite amusing; but a lamentably unpractical youth.

"No!" said Ann, with a snap of her little squarish jaw. "Nothing doing, Peter. You've got to have five hundred behind you ere ever I dream of becoming Mrs. Swann."

"Heartless gold-digger!" Peter exclaimed. "It'll take years 'n years to collect all that, Ann Roebuck."

"I'm only twenty-one. I can look forward to years 'n years without turning a hair. And listen, Peter Swann, I'll tell you how to shorten the time. Stop feeding the bookies. Sell that awful car for what you can get and ride on a bus—or walk. Do a cheap picture instead of a dear show. Deign to lunch with me for one-and-three at old Mary's instead of dragging me up here and spending oodles. Oh—and heaps of other things. What d'you pay for your socks, for instance?"

"And you say you love me," Peter groaned.

"I never did! Anyhow, you're soft, my little allowance man. A touch of privation will do you good. Try a spot of work. Save half your income for three years and I'll think about it. Take it or leave it. And that's an ultimatum. Now—just time to get back before old Scrooge begins to clank my chains. Au revoir. I'm lunching at Mary's to-morrow. Ten past one, sharp."

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"Lousy hole!" he growled in Ann's ear as he sat opposite her over a little bamboo table in the underground restaurant where Ann customarily regaled herself with a frugal dish for a shilling, topping off with coffee at threepence, amid a constant coming and going and the racket of plates in a curtained-off kitchen.

"What's that in your pocket?—the Midday Racing edition?" she inquired. "Done anything about selling the car?"

"Don't think I shall marry you, Ann. You'll henpeck me."

"Will I not!"

"Come for a last ride in the car to-morrow afternoon then?"

"N—no."

"Well—one of your cheap pictures?"

"Otherwise engaged, Peter."

And that, though she pushed out her chin at him, was Ann's worst moment. She thought of it that evening.

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Strange Request.

Perhaps she might do better to bear the Peter she had that Saturday than fly to the James she knew not of. Even though he was a knight and owned ten thousand acres, as the office "Who's Who" told her. And lived at Longhurst in Sussex, and was 66 years of age, and no end of a big-wig in his own country, chairman of this and that, and a noted antiquarian.

Sir James French . . . It seemed quite safe, but you never knew. He said in the letter she received at the office in the morning that if she would do him the favour of a visit on Saturday afternoon, a car should fetch her down to hear something to her advantage.

She thought of her bad moment again as the car glided out of London. "You're hard-boiled, Ann Roebuck," she apostrophised herself; "but you've burned your boats now." Misgivings were overborne for a time by excitement. When a footman opened the door for her with deference saying, "This way, madam. Sir James is expecting you," misgivings vanished. When she sat with a tall, silver-haired and courtly gentleman before a fire in a book-lined room and poured tea for him, they appeared ridiculous.

"Thank you—no sugar or milk—a slice of lemon. . . Well, Miss Roebuck—surprised?—puzzled? But of course. You're a courageous young woman. Mr. Swann's a more fortunate man than he knows."

Ann gaped. "How——?"

"I have to confess to a crime," said Sir James, with a twisted smile. "I'm an eavesdropper. In the restaurant where I took a solitary lunch on Thursday two people were talking frankly in the next compartment."

"Ah!" said Ann.

"I heard some sentiments with which I heartily agreed. I heard a voice that rang honestly. I hope Mr. Swann lunched with you at Mary's yesterday?"

"He did—but he hated it."

"Then his taste failed him. I trust the awful car is now on the market?"

"Not yet—but it will be," said Ann, firmly.

"Yes, I think so, too, Miss Roebuck. Well, I'm going to ask you to do me a service. You can refuse—but I hope you won't."

"That depends," said Ann. "Why did you pick on me? What do you want? How did you know I was—?"

"At Mr. Scrooge's office? You compel me to confess another crime—espionage. I followed you there."

"Well!" exclaimed Ann.

"I was having a not very good lunch alone, trying to solve a problem—couldn't see my way through it. Then something you said settled it for me. You want five hundred pounds in the locker, and you're willing to wait three years for it."

"I earn fifty shillings a week," said Ann. "What do you think!"

"If you had five hundred pounds in three weeks from now instead of waiting three years for Mr. Swann to reform—would that interest you?"

"It's a fairy tale!" Ann squeaked, putting down her cup with a clatter.

"Ah!" said Sir James, and paused. Then: "No—anything but a fairy tale." He sighed. "I think you could be a very discreet young woman, and I would like to tell you the sort of tale it is. But there are reasons why not. Could you trust me if I trusted you?"

No Dream.

Ann's dark eyes looked straight into his grey ones for a full half-minute. They seemed troubled; his face had become drawn.

Ann said: "Yes—yes, I think so. But why me—a stranger?"

"Exactly. That is why. I am alone. I have no relations but one daughter, and she cannot help me now. She would not if she could. You're a stranger—or you were a stranger. There was something in your voice——. Excuse me," and he passed her to go to a writing table in one of the windows, and returned with a large white envelope.

"I want you to take charge of this, Miss Roebuck. Ask no questions about it. Make no attempt to learn the contents. Agreed?"

"Perhaps," said Ann. "And then?"

"Keep it secretly till the end of the month. If you do not hear from me by the 30th, open it and post the letter you will find inside it. If you do hear from me, it will be to appoint a meeting at which you will return it intact. One moment"—as Ann opened her lips. "For this service I shall ask you to accept a hundred pounds before you go, and the balance at the end of the month."

Said Ann: "Am I dreaming this?" The old gentleman slowly shook his head and she saw the same twisted smile on his face. He brought down his hand on the paper.

"Alas, no! How I wish it were a dream, Miss Roebuck."

"But—some explanation——?"

"The condition was—no questions."

"Oh, but there must be questions," she insisted. "Why do you offer me this absurd sum for popping a letter in the post-box? Why do you trust me and promise me a small fortune? People don't——" she hesitated.

Sir James raised a thin hand.

"You're asking me to assure you that I'm not a—crook, is it? I do assure you. I ask you to do nothing improper—nothing that will harm a human being. Eccentric?—well, I cannot tell you why. But if happily we meet on the 30th and you see me throw this packet as it is into the fire, I will then tell you."

The thin hand trembled on the paper as the wide-open brown eyes and the troubled grey ones held each other.

"Very well," said Ann. "Give it to me."

"Thank you, my dear young lady. And here——"

"No, no. I'll not take the money now. I'll wait till the end of the month."

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Ann Gets a Shock.

What troubled Ann first during the days of waiting was that she could not share this secret with Peter Swann. Peter seemed to have taken the talk in the Veronica to heart: he lunched with her at Mary's no less than three times. She had her suspicions about his reported attempts to sell the car; he pointed out too often that it was licensed till Christmas and what a pity it was to throw away all that good money. . . . But on the whole Peter was being a dear just to oblige her.

Then Ann had a shock.

Perhaps because of her frowns on costly entertainment, Peter took to diligent reading of newspapers. Ann was not fond of them—didn't like politics and detested crime. So that, when Peter said "See that awful case down in Sussex?"—well, Ann had a shock.

All she knew of Sussex was what she had been able to see at Longhurst on an October afternoon. But it seemed to her an inappropriate setting for such a crime. It was a charge of murder against a young man, of killing another in a jealous passion. The evidence, though circumstantial, looked strong. The only defence revealed was in the prisoner's statement to the police that a document which would have cleared him had disappeared, suspected to be stolen. He was committed for trial at the Lewes Assizes. If his defence could not get this evidence before the trial, he was, as Peter crudely put it, for the eight o'clock walk

Ann never acquired the details. But Peter brought her up all standing when he said that the chap hadn't a chance unless the document turned up by the end of the month.

After that, Ann had no peace.

She turned up newspapers. She gathered that the man accused was a young husband; the victim a friend who, he thought, was paying undue attention to his wife. Even the names in the case made no impression on Ann's mind. A document—the stolen document which would have cleared him—obscured everything she read; it was always before her eyes, enclosed in a clean white envelope locked away in her suitcase at her boarding-house.

The trial at Lewes Assizes was fixed for the 29th. She was to return the document to Sir James French on the 30th, and to receive five hundred pounds for it.

A case of conscience with a vengeance! It became worse every day. Ann heard Sir James saying ". . . but one daughter, and she cannot help me." Ann would wake up in the night and the suitcase would appear, luminous and transparent at the same time, with that white envelope lying among her things, and voices would whisper about her bedrooom . . . "thirty pieces of silver . . ."

"You're looking peaked, Ann," said Peter on Friday, the 28th. "Come for a run in the car to-morrow?"

Ann shuddered. "Can't. I'm busy. Work to be done—wanted Monday morning. Take me all the afternoon and all Sunday."

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Sir James Explains.

As Ann walked into the study, the silver-haired old gentleman rose. The worried look had left his face. His smile no longer twisted.

But Ann did not smile. She took from her bag the white envelope, laid it on the table, and turned to leave without a word.

"Something has gone wrong?" he said, walking towards her. "What is it?" Ann backed away.

"Don't come near me!" she warned him. "But—my dear young lady——"

"I hate you!"

Sir James flinched, caught the back of the chair, and gazed at her speechless. "What on earth do you mean?"

"You tricked me!" said Ann. "I hate you!" She glared at him. "I was at Lewes Assizes yesterday——"

Sir James's mouth fell open.

"Ah!—that touches you. I heard a man tried for his life——"

"But why——?"

"You smooth old hypocrite, making a tool of me! That poor man went through hell for hours—missed the gallows by the skin of his teeth! And you——"

"I assure you——"

"Tshah!" said Ann.

"I assure you I haven't the slightest idea what you're trying to tell me. You were to keep a document till I asked for it. I telegraphed to you this morning. You've brought it. You've done me a simple but inestimable service, and I'm most grateful. I am to pay you five hundred pounds——"

"Stop!" Ann stamped ineffectively on the thick carpet. "I'd rather die than take your thirty pieces of silver."

Sir James flinched again. "It doesn't occur to you that you may be mistaken. Won't you at least sit down and have a shot at the truth?"

"That young man——"

He placed the chair. Ann sat on the edge of it. "That young man might have been hanged. You had the document that might have saved him. You gave it to me to keep—to keep till after his trial! If he'd been condemned you'd have—you'd have paid me for hanging him!"

Sir James returned to his own seat, toyed with the envelope, and gazed thoughtfully at her.

"Ah!" he said. "Ah!—so that was the way of it? And why did I do this?"

"Plain as the nose in your face. Your daughter—his wife."

Sir James hardened his eyes. "Miss Roebuck, you've kept faith with me. I see that this is intact. What does it contain?"

"I tell you this: if they'd condemned him you would never have seen that again, promise or no promise." Ann pushed out her chin at him.

"I believe you." Sir James nodded. "Well now, Miss Roebuck, I hoped no eye but my own would ever see it. But open this and read it."

He handed her the envelope.

Something in the expression of the grey eyes holding hers persuaded Ann. Presently she had jerked the envelope apart and extracted the letter enclosed, addressed to a firm of lawyers. She read a few lines, and gasped. She hurried on. Her eyes dilated, her pulse rose, her breath came fast. As she reached the end, Ann cried "Oh!" dropped on her knees before the old man and buried her face.

"Forgive me!" Ann sobbed.

He raised her to the chair. "Don't distress yourself. A misunderstanding and you're a fine girl. Think nothing of it. Say nothing of it. It's between you and me—not even for the ears of Mr. Swann. Now see this, and you'll know why I'm the happiest man in the world to-day."

Ann found herself reading through a mist a letter written on the paper of a famous hospital:

"Dear French," it said; "I wired you the good news to-day. Touch-and-go, as I told you it would be; but Helen came through, and she'll do. You can see her on Monday. In a month or six weeks your daughter will be as good as ever. Congratulations. Must have been an ordeal for you, waiting. You took it standing up . . ."

Ann passed the letter back. Sir James smiled at her.

"You see how easy it is to be mistaken? Even the great surgeon, eh? But you're the only person in the world who knows what a coward I am. I couldn't face it, that terrible possibility of having to live on without Helen. Yet I knew I might funk if I had not pledged myself beforehand. You see how impossible it was for me to entrust this to anyone who knew me?"

"Oh!—but oh, if I'd had to post it—" Ann moaned.

"Then my lawyer would have known where to look for what was left of me, and I should have hoped to be where Helen was. Who knows? But that's all over. You shall post it now."

He pointed to the fire, and Ann scrabbled up the papers on the table. She dropped them into the glowing coals. They flared up and were gone. Then she seized the silver-haired gentleman's hand and kissed it.

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"I'm no nosy-parker, Ann Roebuck," said Peter Swann as he surveyed the few presents which Ann displayed in her room on the eve of the wedding. "But who's this mysterious Mr. French throwing cheques at you?"

"Old friend," said Ann. "I don't have to account for myself to you, Peter Swann, till after three to-morrow afternoon. But crush down the green-eyed monster. He's nearly seventy."

"Ah," said Peter, "that's the right age. May he live for ever and do it every year. Then we needn't sell the car and lunch in lousy cellars. Ann—you're a witch . . ."

"Now that's quite enough," said Ann, half smothered.

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

An optimistic note was sounded by the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare) in extending New Year greetings to his colleagues and officers at the Borough police court on Wednesday.

"There is no question that the outlook is very much brighter to-day," said the Mayor, "and we have the right to hope that in the very near future things will look even brighter still. We are all cheered by the hopefulness of our Prime Minister, and with that hope we can look forward to the future with greater cheerfulness."

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Soldiers at School

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE DAYS OF PEACE

How the increasing demand among the Services for classes on the lines of normal Further Education is being met in the county is the subject of review in the January issue of the "Kent Education Gazette" under the title "Books, Blackboards and Battledress."

Men and women in the Services are admitted free of charge to ordinary civilian classes and large numbers take advantage of the opportunity. There are also an increasing number of classes specially arranged for members of the Forces. The incidence of guard duties, leave and the requirements of Army courses have often played havoc with attendances but these difficulties, states the "Gazette," "are only birth pangs and the child, having been slapped, is now crying loudly for more nourishment from the outside world. Like all other children it will be a nuisance at times but Principals can be relied on not to give up in despair this somewhat unruly member of their large family."

Over 2,200 lectures have also been given to the troops in Kent during the past 13 months. Efforts have been made, too, to meet the needs of men whose duties keep them in small numbers on isolated sites where it has been possible to arrange a number of discussion groups.

What They Discuss.

"Current Affairs" has been the topic most frequently discussed at these isolated sites and specific aspects of "Current Affairs" have formed the subject of the lectures most frequently in demand at unit locations. The demand for a lecture, however, does not always depend on the popularity of the subject; it may depend on the popularity or appeal of the lecturer. It would be invidious and indeed impossible, states the "Gazette," to decide whether this has accounted for the popularity of lectures on field sketching, colour photography, psychology, and inn signs (although the appeal of the last subject is perhaps self-evident!).

The County Library service has also been made available free of charge to members of the Forces in Kent. Many thousands of discarded books have been given to units and use is made of the various branch libraries, village centres and postal service. In addition there are within the units themselves over 120 special library centres maintained by the County Library, with over 20,000 books in circulation. A great deal has been done, too, to provide text books for members of the Services who are studying in classes.

Happy Thought.

The article concludes:

"It is of some comfort to us civilians to know that the Army are looking ahead to the days of peace. They have foreseen the tremendous difficulties attendant upon demobilisation and the resultant absorption of men into commerce and industry. A manual training scheme on a divisional basis is already in operation in Kent as part of the regular afternoon activities of those men who prefer such training to additional organised games or physical training. Principals of some Further Education Institutions have already been of great assistance in developing the schemes of instruction in such subjects as building, carpentry and joinery.

"Nor are the arts neglected. Among the most successful activities sponsored by the Kent sub-committee have been talks on the Appreciation of Music and exhibitions of pictures. Two of these exhibitions included works done by members of the Forces, and resulted in very stimulating discussions on the exhibits themselves and pictorial art in general.

"A great deal has already been said in the press about the value of work such as that outlined above in maintaining morale and in developing an alert and intelligent citizen soldier, airman or sailor; but the teacher of to-day distrusts high-flown phrases, and so far as education for the Services is concerned, prefers to limit himself to the happy thought that he is touching a large number of people who in peace-time would have had no interest in or contact with any educational activity after the age of 14."

CHILDREN'S PANTO

DICK WHITTINGTON AT RAMSGATE

Ramsgate was not without its Christmas pantomime this year.

Ever since September Miss S. Spain had been busily engaged preparing for the presentation of "Dick Whittington" at St. Ethelbert's Hall.

Her efforts were rewarded for there was a full "house," and after expenses had been paid there remained the sum of £6 0s. 6d., which is being devoted to the Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund.

The pantomime was in four scenes and all the performers with the exception of three were children under 14. The costumes were particularly effective—again the work of Miss Spain, assisted by Mrs. Laslett.

The part of the Fairy Queen was taken by M. Sandy, who delighted with her singing and dancing, and there was some very attractive ballet and tap-dancing by B. Spain (Dick Whittington) and B. Tyler (Alice).

One of the hits of the show was the singing of "Two little girls in blue" by two of the fairies, P. Mitchell, aged six, and M. Mitchell, aged four. J. Laslett, aged 10, was a realistic Tibby the Cat.

Other parts were taken by H. Laslett (Alderman Fitzwarren and Cook), E. Sandy (Mrs. Fitzwarren and Grand Vizier), E. Laslett (Idle Jack and Footman), D. Sandy (Captain Breeze and Sultan), P. Ansley (Kohinor), J. Todd (Kedgeree), L. Solly (Messenger) and M. Todd, D. Solly, S. Smithers, C. Todd, G. Atkins, D. Setterfield, M. Kempe, S. Todd, J. Atkins and E. Laslett (fairies).

DAMAGE AT HOTEL

CHRISTMAS SCENE IN BAR

Stated to be a man who got very rough when he had had too much to drink, Gnr. Christopher Donoghue was fined £2 at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, last week, for being drunk and disorderly in the bar of the Clarendon Hotel, Broadstairs, on Christmas evening, and with refusing to quit when requested to do so.

Inspr. Belsey said defendant made himself objectionable to other people in the bar and used bad language. He was requested to leave by the manager, Mr. L. H. Joselyn, but refused to do so. Mr. Joselyn then rang the police and defendant was ejected by P/S Butler and P/C Price. Outside the premises defendant threatened P/S Butler and put his elbow through the glass panel of the hotel door. As he was being taken to the police station he became so mad that he foamed at the mouth. When he was charged the following day defendant said he did not remember a thing that had happened.

Inspr. Belsey said the damage to the door was estimated at £4.

DEATH OF DR. H. O. WEST

Medical superintendent of Princess Mary's Hospital for Children, Margate, for a number of years, Dr. Henry Owen West, M.D., F.R.C.P., Dp.H., has passed away at the age of 56.

Dr. West, who served with the R.A.M.C. during the last war and was mentioned in despatches, was appointed medical superintendent of Princess Mary's Hospital, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, in 1920, and served there for 12 years. He became an authority on non-pulmonary tuberculosis in children and although primarily a physician he developed special skill in the treatment of surgical tuberculosis.

From 1921 until 1932 Dr. West was secretary of the Parochial Church Council of Margate Parish Church and he also became a lay representative for the Canterbury diocese on the National Church Assembly.

BARONY FOR SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES

Until recently Regional Commissioner for the South Eastern Region, Brigadier-Gen. the Rt. Hon. Sir Auckland Geddes, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., is created a baron in the New Year's Honours List.

On the day the List was published Sir Auckland took over his new post as Civil Commissioner for the North West Region.

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INSPIRING SERVICE

STARTS NEW YEAR AT RAMSGATE

The Rev. Eric Loveday, successor to Dick Sheppard and Pat McCormick as Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Field, London, delivered an uplifting address to a representative gathering of townspeople in the crypt of St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on New Year's Day.

Conducted by the Vicar, Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, the service, which included the special remembrance in prayer of "all those on the American continent," was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress and members of the Corporation, who were accompanied by the Town Clerk, Chief Constable and other officials. The fighting forces as well as the business community were also represented.

Other clergy present included the Rev. P. M. Townend, Vicar of Christ Church, Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, Minister of Cavendish Baptist Church, and the Rev. Stanley B. Green, Minister of the Congregational Church.

From the text "And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished," the Rev. Eric Loveday traced the development of civilisation from the time of King Solomon.

After describing the beauty and simplicity of the civilisation achieved 2,000 years ago by the Greeks—who invented the name barbarian—the preacher drew a contrasting picture of life in the past 25 years when work was regarded more or less as an interval between pleasures and men did not care how a thing was done so long as they got results and got them quickly.

"Money," said Mr. Loveday, "had almost become the pivot of our civilisation."

Pointing out that the service represented in some form the life and administration, the trade and the homes of the town working and living day by day with courage and confidence in circumstances of ever-present danger and difficulty, the preacher said they did not know what lay ahead in the new year. But they did know the real important fact that God was ahead of them and that this year into which they had entered was God's year. They could lift up their hearts in the knowledge that they did not come into this year alone. God made this world and loved it, and did not intend to let it go.

The hymns sung included "Father, let me dedicate all this year to Thee" and an inspiring service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

DRAMATIC FILMS

BETTE DAVIS AT KING'S

There is a dramatic note in the films being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Based on "Legacy," the best-selling novel by Charles Bonner, "Adam Had Four Sons" is the chief feature for to-day and to-morrow. It is the story of Adam Stoddard, who on the death of his wife is charged with the future of their four sons. Business becomes bad but the father makes every sacrifice so that the boys can be properly educated. As the war years come, all four boys enter the services, and the story traces out their lives. Ingrid Bergman and Warner Baxter head the cast. "The Great Plane Robbery," with Jack Holt, is also being shown.

Featuring Bette Davis, the screen's first lady of drama, "The Great Lie" heads the bill for the latter part of the week. It is a modern love story in which Bette Davis plays the part of a normal American girl, very much in love and willing to fight to keep the man she loves. All the feminine "skulldruggery" which enters the plot is carried on by Mary Astor, Bette's rival for the love of George Brent. Miss Astor plays a very sophisticated woman of the world, a concert pianist who also rides the top crest of society. Brent plays an aviator and explorer, in love with Bette, but attracted to Mary during his gayer moments. One of the most interesting points of "The Great Lie" is the way these three characters change under the stress of the dramatic developments of the love triangle. "A Fugitive from Justice," with Roger Pryor and Lucile Fairbanks will also be shown

LICENSEE'S TRAGIC DEATH

WORRIED OVER NAVAL LOSSES

Well-known as a licensed victualler in both Margate and Ramsgate, Mr. Frank Robert Haskins was found dead in the gas-filled kitchen of the Royal Oak Hotel, Ledbury, Herefordshire, of which he was licensee, on Christmas Eve.

A verdict that he took his own life while the balance of his mind was disturbed was returned by the Deputy Coroner (Mr. F. Craze) at the inquest at Ledbury on Boxing Day.

Mr. Haskins, who was a pensioner of the Royal Australian Navy, was for some years licensee of the Crown Hotel, York-street, Ramsgate. He was first licensee of the Dane Valley Arms, Margate, which was built in 1929, and in February, 1933, he took over the license of the Hussar Hotel, Garlinge. As a result of the war he closed the hotel last year and about five months ago took over the Royal Oak Hotel, Ledbury.

Mr. Haskins' son-in-law, Pte. R. Church, The Buffs, was killed in an air raid in September, 1940.

Mrs. Haskins, the widow, told the Coroner that her husband had suffered from stomach trouble for some time, and had been depressed for two or three months. He fancied there was a lot wrong with his health. Five months previously he was in Malvern Hospital for a month before coming to Ledbury.

Witness stated that, in company with her daughter, she left the hotel about two p.m. on Christmas Eve and went to Malvern. Her husband wished her good-bye and seemed as usual. She returned home about 6.30 p.m. and found that the black-out had not been attended to and the place was left open.

"I went downstairs into the bottom kitchen and smelt gas," she went on. "I then went to the scullery, the door of which was fastened, and I found him lying on the floor of the scullery, with his head just on the edge of the gas oven."

Mrs. Haskins said her husband had never threatened to take his life. He had been depressed about the war, and, being a naval pensioner, he was particularly upset by the sinking of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse. He had no financial worries. He had been worried about being unable to obtain staff assistance.

"I cannot understand it at all," said Mrs. Haskins.

Dr. G. G. Airey, Ledbury, said he ascertained from deceased's previous doctor in Colwall that he had been suffering from duodenal ulcers in the stomach, which could be very depressing. His own doctor thought one of the ulcers was perforated in May last. Death was due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

The funeral of Mr. Haskins took place at Ledbury Cemetery, the Rector (Prebendary A. J. Winnington-Ingram) officiating.

MOBILE HOSPITAL UNIT

INDIA'S GIFT TO THANET

A mobile hospital unit, in which emergency operations can be performed, has been presented for use in Thanet by the women of India.

The gift has been presented through the medium of the Silver Thimble Fund, which since the war has raised nearly £60,000 by the collection of old silver articles and provided many hospital and first-aid units for the services, including two flying hospital and X-ray units.

Thanet's mobile hospital unit is the fourth to be given to districts in England for service in the event of emergency.

On the outside of the unit is painted a thimble and the word Thanet.

Mounted on a Rolls Royce chassis, the unit cost about £2,000. The equipment includes special lighting and heating, water supply, sterilising apparatus, cases of surgical instruments, drugs, anæsthetics, a special lung for resuscitation in gas cases, splints, bandages, etc. Everything is moveable so that by lifting out two boxes of splints, trestles can be placed in position for supporting a stretcher while an operation is carried out.

The unit is being kept at College-road first-aid post, Margate, and will be available for service in any part of Thanet at a moment's notice.

The unit was handed over to the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare), on behalf of Thanet, by Miss H. E. Hope Clarke, O.B.E., hon. organiser of the Silver Thimble Fund.

Miss Hope Clarke said the Silver Thimble Fund was inaugurated in India by Lady Linlithgow and the generosity of the women of India had resulted in many hospital units being presented.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

BROADSTAIRS DONKEYS GO

Sentimental regret will be expressed at the decision of Broadstairs Council to abolish the shaggy donkeys from the sands. The Council have sounded the knell of these patient and long-suffering beasts, as much a part of Broadstairs from the children's point of view as the wooden pier and the famous minstrels. It will be with sorrow that Broadstairs holiday children will learn that the creatures which provided amusement even before the days when Betsy Trotwood drove them across the green, are no longer a picturesque feature of the landscape.

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The list of awards of the Military Cross to officers contains the name of Acting Major T. H. Sebag-Montefiore, R.F.A., fourth son of Mrs. Sebag-Montefiore, of Ramsgate. Temp. Capt. W. Sebag-Montefiore, third son of Mrs. Sebag-Montefiore, is mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch "for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty" on the Somme. The Military Cross has also been awarded to Lt. (temp. Major) T. S. Emery, of Broadstairs, for valour on the field. He was severely wounded in the leg in May, 1915.

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The new Y.M.C.A. building in Albion-road, Broadstairs, was opened on Monday for the benefit of the troops and named the Albion Hut.

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Formerly Member of Parliament for the Isle of Thanet Division, Mr. Harry Hananel Marks, editor and chief proprietor of the "Financial News," passed away on Friday. After working as a journalist in America, Mr. Marks returned to England in 1883 and started with success the first daily financial paper in the country—the "Financial News." He was elected Member for Thadnet in 1904 and represented the constituency for six years. For a short time Mr. Marks was a Member for Thanet in 1904 and representative Broadstairs and for some years he was a member of the Pier and Harbour Commission in that town. He lived at Callis Court, Broadstairs, while representing the constituency.

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In memory of two benefactors of Ramsgate General Hospital, Miss J. Stancomb-Wills on Thursday afternoon unveiled two brass tablets by which the men's surgical ward will henceforth be known as the "Warre Ward," and the women's medical ward as the "Webster Ward."

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Three thousand service men were the guests of the Mayor of Ramsgate at the West Cliff Concert Hall this week. The entertainments were spread over three evenings and refreshments and smokes were liberally provided.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

In his annual report to Ramsgate Town Council, Chief Constable Buss stated that the number of persons proceeded against summarily was 334. Of that number 298 were convicted. Fifty-two were committed to prison, two sent to an industrial school, 198 fined, five whipped, three bound over, six delivered to the Army or Navy, and 32 other punishments. For being drunk in the streets and on licensed premises 85 persons were proceeded against, of which number 79 were convicted.

(An advertisement issued by Messrs. Gwyn and Son announced that the price of Scotch whisky was 3s. per bottle, brandy 3s. 6d. per bottle, rum 3s. per bottle, and gin 2s. 4d. per bottle!)

SALARY INCREASE

By nine votes to five Ramsgate Town Council decided to increase the salary of the Surveyor to £250 per annum.

ACCEPTED BY THE QUEEN

Her Majesty the Queen has honoured Miss Grosvenor Gooch by accepting a short sketch of the life of Charles Fish, the Ramsgate lifeboat coxswain, and a view of Ramsgate Harbour.

THE PENNY ON THE BOTTLE

Christmas boxes cost some people a great deal of money, and none perhaps more so than licensed victuallers. One of the jovial fraternity states that his customers were not content with bottles of whisky, gin, etc., but persisted in coming back with a demand for a penny on his own bottle.

DEATH OF MRS. G. R. READ

BROADSTAIRS BOWLER BEREAVED

The funeral took place at St. Peter's last week of Mrs. Ellen Read, wife of Mr. George R. Read, a well-known Thanet bowls player, of 38 St. Mildred's-avenue, Broadstairs, who passed away at Margate General Hospital on Christmas Eve at the age of 62.

Elder daughter of Mr. W. R. Rayner, of Folkestone, who celebrated his 91st birthday on the day of his daughter's death, Mrs. Read was one of the founders of the Broadstairs branch of the Women's Co-operative Guild and served for a time on the committee. Her passing will also be mourned by the Thanet and East Kent Guild branches.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, and the family mourners were the widower, Mr. Eric R. Read (son), the Misses Vera, Elsie and Dora Read (daughters), Mrs. Eric Read (daughter-in-law), Mrs. H. Jones and Mrs. A. Alasia (sisters), and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Read.

Floral tributes were received from: George (husband); Eric and Molly Read and Patricia (granddaughter); Vera, Elsie and Dora Read; Mr. W. R. Rayner (dad); Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones; Mrs. A. Alasia and son; Mrs. H. Moore and Phyllis; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rayner and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Read and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Summers; Mr. and Mrs. A. Horsey, Joan and Peter; Mr. and Mrs. R. Manser; Directors and staff of the "East Kent Times and Mail"; Mr. and Mrs. E. Steele, Norman and Stella; the Misses Orpwood and Dawe; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snowden and family; Mr. and Mrs. O. Wardman and sons; Women's Co-operative Guild, Broadstairs; Mr. and Mrs. W. Black and grandma; Miss Lancefield; Sarah, Harriett, Mary, Edie and Tom (cousins); friends of St. Mildred's-avenue, Broadstairs; the Broadway Joint Fire-Watchers.

MARGATE SEAMAN KILLED

Ordinary Seaman George Henry Golder, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Golder, of 2 Setterfield-road, Margate, has been reported killed in action while serving with the Royal Navy in the Middle East.

O/S Golder, who was 31 years of age, was called up for service in May last. He leaves a widow and two small children.

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A FATHER TO HIS PEOPLE

MAYOR'S NEW YEAR TOUR

Forsaking the comforts of the fireside, the Mayor and Mayoress of Ramsgate, accompanied by the Welfare Officer, Mrs. Peete, and the acting Town Sergeant, Mr. E. H. Mantle, contrived, by following an exacting time table on New Year's eve, to convey personal greetings to several thousand of their townspeople.

A real father to his people, as the Mayor was happily described by Mr. John Hilton, Alderman Kempe made his first appearance on the stage of the King's Theatre, during an interval in a performance, the tit bit of which was a brilliantly edited news reel skit showing the German Army and Nazi storm troopers marching backwards before the astonished eyes of their Fuehrer.

From the King's, the Mayor and Mayoress set forth on a taxi tour of the various N.F.S. depots, where the civic chief, wishing the personnel at each a happy and victorious new year, voiced his confident assurance that whatever trials they might have to face in the future they would rise to the occasion as splendidly as they had done in the past.

While the Mayor's unexpected but welcome visits found the firemen everywhere at the ready, they too were able to enter to some extent into the spirit of the evening, notably at Ellington and Chatham-street, where wives and sweethearts were being entertained at jolly new year parties.

Hospitable Motto.

"And while you quaff our cooling beer we wish you all a grand new year." This motto chalked on the board at one of the canteens was typical of the hospitality extended to the guests.

Further large parties gave a rousing welcome to the Mayor and Mayoress when they visited the Oddfellows Club, High-street, the Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, the Social Club, George-street, and the British Legion Club, Cliff-street.

Not the least appreciative of the Mayor's special greeting to them were the Service men who gave their Welfare Officer a big hand.

The grand tour of the Mayor and his retinue—as they were introduced to one merry gathering—concluded at the West Cliff Theatre where 11 allied nationalities were represented among nearly a thousand dancers enjoying the music of Frederic Hargraves' Knights of Swing.

Here buglers sounded the Last Post when the old year departed and, as soon as midnight had chimed, Reveille heralded the New Year and the Mayor concluded his round of greetings.

BUNK SNOBBERY

SNUB FOR TUNNEL SLEEPERS

The Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health has disapproved the proposal to convert the middle berth of the three-tier bunks in Ramsgate tunnel shelters into separate single bunks.

He considers that "expenditure from public funds to satisfy personal prejudices" cannot, in this instance, be justified and that the demand for economy in the use of labour and materials makes it essential that the fullest and best possible use should be made of the equipment already provided in the tunnels.

"In these circumstances," states a report of the Civil Defence Committee presented to the Council on Thursday, "the committee have instructed the appropriate officers that the existing bunking accommodation must be utilised to the best possible advantage."

CUT THE BLABBERING

MAYOR'S ADVICE TO COUNCIL

An appeal to his colleagues to cut the "useless blabbering" was made by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

"I should like to take the opportunity of wishing you a happy new year and, I hope, a victorious new year," said the Mayor. "I want to appeal to you during this year not to have a lot of useless blabbering—we are only wasting the ratepayers' heat and light. If we have anything useful to say, let us say it. Otherwise let us hold our tongues."

The Mayor thanked the members of the Council for the support they had given him during the past year and he hoped to enjoy their confidence during the coming year.

THE CHIEF WARDEN'S CAR

Since the outbreak of war the Ramsgate Chief Warden (Mr. A. T. Grummant) has used his private car very considerably in connection with his duties and petrol has been supplied by the Council as if the car had been part of the fleet of civil defence vehicles.

In view of the wear and tear on the car and the cost of maintenance the Civil Defence Committee on Thursday recommended that the Council should bear the cost of the Road Fund license, which at present amounts to £21 5s. a year.

Moving that the recommendation be not approved, Councillor F. C. Miller said the car was a high-powered one and he felt that the Chief Warden should use one of the A.R.P. cars for any travel which was necessary. Because of its size the car also used a lot of petrol and every drop of petrol was brought to the country at the risk of human life. The sum involved in the recommendation was not large but it was as much as one poor person's rates.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor H. Farmer, who thought a smaller car could be used for the purpose.

It was eventually agreed that the matter should be referred to Council in committee for further consideration.

HOME GUARD'S GREAT JOB

"You men are doing a great job," said Lt. Col. C. S. F. Witts, the Commanding Officer, congratulating the 6th (Thanet) Battalion, Kent Home Guard, on the work they had put in during 1941.

Col. Witts, who was presenting prizes won in recent competitions by A Co., emphasised that they were not guarding an inland station but, night after night, were helping in the actual defence of an important part of the coast of England. "I want you to carry out this task in 1942 in the same cheerful spirit as you have done during the past year," he added.

FAMILY IN TAXI CRASH

CHRISTMAS SPENT IN HOSPITAL

Four members of a Margate family, who were on their way to the railway station on Christmas Eve in a taxi which was involved in a collision with a bus, spent their Christmas in Margate and District General Hospital.

They were Mr. Charles Clifford, of Grotto-gardens, Margate, who sustained a fractured jaw, his wife, Mrs. Mary Clifford, head injuries and shock, and their two daughters, Miss Pamela Clifford, aged 15, who sustained head injuries, and Mrs. Dorothy Moyler, who sustained injuries to the head, face, left leg and right hand.

The family were to have spent Christmas away from Margate and Mrs. Moyler was going to join her husband, who is on service in the north of England.

The taxi, driven by Albert Davis, of The Ridgeway, Margate, was travelling down King-street and at the junction of Hawley-street and Trinity-hill was involved in a collision with an East Kent service bus driven by Albert Viggers, of Ramsgate-road, Margate.

As a result of the accident the bus mounted the pavement, with the car locked in front of it.

Davis sustained facial injuries and shock and his car was extensively damaged on the nearside.

GIRLS OVERCOME

FOUR FIRE-WATCHERS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Four girls, who were overcome through lack of oxygen while carrying out fire-watching duties at a Ramsgate laundry, had to be taken to hospital for treatment last week.

Altogether seven girls were on duty in a room in which there was both a gas fire and a light burner.

During the night one of the girls informed the night watchman that they were feeling unwell and when he visited the room he found they were suffering from lack of oxygen.

The girls taken to hospital were Mavis Williams, of Chandos-terrace, Boundary-road, Grace Lowe, of Royal-road, Barbara Tunnecliffe, of Ellington-road, and Rosie Todd, of Shaftesbury-street. All were detained.

LONG SERVICE

NOTABLE RAMSGATE RECORDS

Several long service records were revealed in reports presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

Mr. T. S. Cassingham, deputy Borough Treasurer, who has put in 43 years' service with the Corporation, would have been entitled to retire on pension when he reaches the age of 60 this month but, reported the Finance Committee, "we are glad to know that in view of existing circumstances Mr. Cassingham is prepared to continue in the service of the Corporation for the present."

Mr. J. Morecroft, waste water inspector, who has completed 44 years' service with the Gas and Water Department, is retiring on superannuation on 2nd February when he attains the age of 65 years.

Mr. E. Revell, piermaster No. 1, who has been employed at the harbour for 33 years, has resigned owing to ill-health. Mr. Revell, who is 65 years of age, has been granted a gratuity of £350, payable at a weekly rate.

Mr. A. Matthews, a school caretaker who, since the evacuation of the children, has been temporarily employed as a labourer at the harbour, has retired to pension on reaching the age of 65.

PROPERTY IN DEMAND

The year closed with quite a brisk demand for property at Broadstairs.

Keenly interested in the welfare of Broadstairs, a purchaser who has acquired Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Eldon-place, The Parade, adjoining the Fun Fair and overlooking the Pavilion, has agreed to make provision that in any future sale of the property it shall not be used for a purpose that might be detrimental to the amenities of the town in general or to the properties in the immediate vicinity in particular.

Mr. B. J. Pearson, auctioneer and estate agent, Station Gates, through whom the sale was effected, has also been successful in disposing of 31 Ramsgate-road, 17 Beacon-road, 35 Rosemary-avenue, and freehold building land in Callis Court-road.

Through his Birchington office Mr. Pearson has recently sold the freehold residences known as Westbury, Canute-road, and Kandida, Station-parade, Birchington.

DWINDLING STAFFS

The task of efficient local government administration is becoming increasingly difficult in view of the number of men being called up for military service.

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that in the cases of Mr. K. F. Speakman, assistant solicitor, and Mr. B. Wilkenning, filing and records clerk, notification had been received that no further deferment of military service could be given after 31st March. Mr. Carter, legal and general assistant, who is 36 and who has hitherto been reserved on the ground of age, became dereserved on 1st January.

The Minister of Health has intimated to local authorities that where staff engaged on legal work are called up for service, conveyancing and other legal work may be placed in the hands of solicitors in private practice, and the committee have authorised the Town Clerk to adopt this course if he feels it to be necessary from time to time.

The Town Clerk has reported that he is doing his best to obtain temporary staff to take the place of staff who are called up for service.

APATHETIC ABOUT HEALTH

Dr. J. V. Walker, Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health, has reported that with the exception of the first lecture delivered in the deep tunnel shelter, which was well patronised, the series of lectures he gave in connection with the autumn health campaign were poorly attended.

A CHRISTMAS BINGE

SOLDIERS SAVE COLLECTING BOX

A Christmas "binge" had a sequel at Margate police court on Boxing Day when John Joseph Ryland, 27, of Clevedon-place, London, S.W., and Walter Gwynne Comley, 30, a soldier wearing civilian clothes, of Aberdare, Glamorganshire, were charged with being concerned together with stealing a Prisoners of War Fund collecting box containing 14s. 6d. from the Powell Arms Hotel, Birchington, the previous day.

Alfred Finch, licensee of the Powell Arms Hotel, said that about 9.30 p.m. on Christmas Day some soldiers in the bar spoke to him and he then noticed that a collecting box for the local Prisoners of War Fund was missing from the saloon bar counter. He went outside but could not see anyone about. A few minutes later he went out again and saw the two defendants surrounded by soldiers. One of the soldiers said "These are the two men who took the box."

W/R Martin, who was called to the scene, said a soldier named Ling told him in the presence of the defendants that he saw Comley pick the box up from the counter and go outside. Another soldier named Lord corroborated this statement. Witness told defendants of the complaint and said they would be taken to the police station. Comley replied "No. Never stealing." Ryland said "Oh. What a mix-up." When charged with the offence Comley replied "Why I should do it, God only knows." Ryland said "I had nothing to do with it, as you know."

Surrounded by Soldiers.

Tpr. Cecil George Ling said he was in the hotel with another soldier when he saw the defendants go towards the counter. Comley picked up the collecting box, put it on his arm, and they walked out together. He told the landlord what he had seen. A few minutes later witness saw the two men outside and accused them of taking the box. They denied it. About 10 or 12 soldiers surrounded them and asked the accused to produce the box. They produced several bottles of beer and then the box from Comley's pocket.

The Chief Constable said it appeared that Ryland knew very little about the affair and the bench might come to the conclusion that there was insufficient evidence against him.

The Chairman (Alderman E. S. Linington) said they were of that opinion and would dismiss the case against Ryland.

A Terrific Binge.

"I don't know quite what happened—whether I took it or not," said Comley. "I don't remember anything about it. I would not have taken it had I been quite all right. I had a terrific binge, celebrating Christmas, and I just don't remember anything. I am terribly sorry if I did take it. After all, I might be a prisoner of war myself."

The Chief Constable said Comley served in the Welsh Guards from 1934 to 1941, when he transferred to the Dorsetshire Regiment, and was at present on leave. He first met Ryland when they were both in the Welsh Guards. Comley had been identified as Jack Fitzroy, against whom there were several convictions between 1928 and 1935. He had been drinking heavily on Christmas night.

An officer said he had received a report from Comley's unit that his military character was satisfactory.

Remarking that it was a most mean theft, the Chairman said the bench were prepared to take into consideration the fact that accused was under the influence of drink to such an extent as hardly to know what he was doing, and that for the last six years he had gone straight. The case would be dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act.

"Think yourself lucky," he added. Comley: "I appreciate it very much." Ryland was fined £1 for entering a defence area for the purposes of pleasure.

WHERE TO FIND STARS

VIC OLIVER AT ODEON

A gay round of entertainment is being provided at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Tuneful song numbers, snappy dancing interludes, appealing human interest touches and a piquant romantic development are among the highlights of "He Found a Star," which heads the bill to-day (Tuesday) and Wednesday. The picture co-stars front-page personalities Vic Oliver and Sarah Churchill, and chronicles the efforts of a stage manager to found a theatrical agency designed to help the "little people" of showland. He succeeds in making a top-line attraction out of a pitiful old-time baritone; he takes a negro from a wayside coffee stall and stars him in a fashionable West End cabaret, and his career is all set for triumphs until he falls under the spell of a calculating blonde who lets him down on the eve of a big show. Also being shown is "Accent on Love," with George Montgomery and Osa Massen.

There are two star pictures for the latter part of the week. The first is "Mary Names the Day," a new Dr. Kildare adventure starring Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, Laraine Day and Red Skelton. The story deals with the problem presented by a famous orchestra conductor who is gradually growing deaf. The second picture is "Dance Hall," with tall, dark and handsome Cesar Romero and lovely blonde Carole Landis. As a tough dance hall manager who really has a very soft heart, Romero gives one of his best performances.

R.A.F. OFFICER'S BRIDE

Miss Vera Marie Setterfield, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Setterfield, of Cuthbert-road, Westgate, was married at All Saints' Church, Birchington, on 28th December, to Flt. Lt. William Oliver Merker, R.A.F.V.R., L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.), of Brize-Norton, Oxford.

Dressed in a pale turquoise ensemble, with wine-coloured accessories, the bride was given away by her elder brother, Plt. Off. T. V. Setterfield, R.A.F.V.R., and her younger brother, Sub Lt. B. L. Setterfield, R.N.V.R., was best man.

The ceremony was performed by Sqn. Ldr. the Rev. G. H. Church, R.A.F.V.R., and Mr. H. S. Nixey presided at the organ.

The honeymoon was spent at Brighton.

SATISFACTORY SALVAGE

Complete satisfaction with the arrangements made by the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) was expressed by one of the principal officers of the Ministry of Home Security who visited Ramsgate to see the method adopted in connection with the salvage of property from premises damaged by enemy action.

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This will help the collectors, especially if you happen to be out when they call.

Leave your waste in a conveniently dry spot for them to collect.

"So little salved by so many would mean so much."

WOMEN'S CHAT

THAT SCHOOLGIRL COMPLEXION

The difficulty that many girls are experiencing to-day in obtaining cosmetics is being exploited by rogues on the black market who are selling girls face creams made from inferior ingredients. These preparations are sold at high prices.

These inferior preparations can do real harm to the skin and may cause dermatitis. In a mild form this will make the skin appear blotchy and ill-kept. In a severe form it may result in the sufferer being unable to work.

On no account should girls use face creams or other skin preparations which are not manufactured by firms of repute.

Many girls, in view of the difficulty of obtaining cosmetics, are seeking other methods of preserving their complexion.

Here are some simple rules that will go a long way towards giving a clear and healthy skin.

Splash with Cold Water.

Wash the face with warm water and some good toilet soap. Then splash it with cold water for about a minute. Dry by dabbing with a soft towel.

The effect of this is to tone up the muscles of the skin. Make this a daily routine and you will go a long way towards a good complexion. You will be able to use your face cream more sparingly for you will have less need of it.

When you feel that you need to use a little face cream, massage it gently into the skin. Light massage keeps the skin in good condition. It stimulates the glands, opens the pores, removes the dead particles and helps to keep the skin smooth and supple.

Do not restrict this light massage to the face only. It is useful all over the body. The general health, naturally, must be good if the skin is to be in good condition. Any irregularity and disturbance of the digestive system will reflect itself in an imperfect complexion.

HURRICANE LAMPS

FOR TUNNEL LIGHTING

As four additional sets of generating plant, which would be necessary to provide alternative lighting throughout Ramsgate's tunnel shelters, would cost in the region of £1,800, even if they could be obtained, the Civil Defence Committee have approved a proposal to purchase instead 200 hurricane lamps at an estimated cost of £100.

In view of the early hour of black-out, the committee have agreed that for the time being the dormitory sections of the tunnels should be lit from 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. as fixed last March.

The committee felt it was not necessary to provide handrails for the total length of the seven tunnel entrances but agreed that the Borough Engineer should provide handrails "for a sufficient length at the commencement of each entrance."

CHILDREN REMEMBER MARGATE

From a Christmas party for evacuated Margate children held at Rugeley, Staffordshire, Town Hall the following telegram was sent to the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare):

"Margate children and others now enjoying a Christmas party at the Rugeley Town Hall send to you all at home greetings and best wishes for the New Year. May 1942 be brighter and happier and see us reunited in dear old Margate."

The Mayor replied: "The Mayor of Margate thanks all those at Christmas party for hearty greetings and hopes that you are having an enjoyable gathering. God bless you all and may the New Year bring you back home again."

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MINSTER.

Middle East Soldier Bereaved.—Formerly of Ramsgate, Mrs. Olive Sarah Lambert, wife of Spr. George Frederick Lambert, R.E., who is on service in the Middle East, has died at her home, Glenwood, Monkton-road, Minster, aged 51 years. The family mourners at the funeral, which was conducted at Minster Cemetery last week by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. MacMichael, were Messrs. H. and E. Butcher (brothers), Mrs. E. I. Munro (sister), Messrs. Lambert and Munro (brother-in-law), Mr. A. Munro (nephew), Mrs. O. Butcher (sister-in-law) and Mr. D. Butcher (uncle).

Music Teacher's Death.—The funeral took place at Minster on Wednesday of Miss Gladys May Pearson, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Pearson, of Melbourne Villa, Monkton-road, Minster, who died at the age of 33 years. A member of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, Miss Pearson took up music teaching as a career when she left Clarendon House School, Ramsgate, but for the past year had been acting as an insurance agent and a group secretary of the Thanet Hospitals Contributory Scheme. She had also been a Sunday school teacher at St. Mary's Church. At the funeral service conducted by the Rev. A. W. MacMichael the hymns "Abide with me" and "O rest in the Lord" were played by the organist (Mr. L. Chandler). The mourners included Mrs. M. A. Pearson (mother), Mrs. F. Howland and Mrs. J. Pearson (aunts), Miss D. Douch and Mr. and Mrs. E. Howland (cousins), Mr. W. Cooper, Mrs. P. Simpkin, Miss Jarman and Miss E. Martin (friends). The wreaths included one from the secretary of the Isle of Thanet Hospitals Contributory Scheme.

NAVAL CASUALTY

OLD RUYMIAN MISSING

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, P/O/Writer S. F. Ashby, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Ashby, of 23 Dumpton Park-road, Ramsgate, has been reported missing, presumed killed on active service.

Twenty-three years of age, P/O Ashby was employed as a clerk by Messrs. Swift and Co., of Smithfield, London, on leaving school. At the age of 19 he joined the Royal Navy and had served for nearly a year before the outbreak of war.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby's married daughter is serving in the National Fire Service at Ramsgate.

LOST A STRIPE

When Leonard Wray was summoned at Margate police court on Wednesday for riding a cycle without a light in Northdown-road on the evening of 6th November the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said defendant was a sergeant in the Army.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) said defendant signed himself as a corporal.

A police officer solved the mystery. Since the issue of the summons, he said, Wray had been reduced in rank.

The summons was dismissed on payment of 4s. costs.

MOVING ACROSS THE ROAD

As Ellington Infants' School is again required for educational purposes, Ramsgate Gas and Water Department, now in occupation, propose to transfer their offices to Penistone House, High-street, St. Lawrence, formerly the residence of the late Mr. J. Thorn Drury, which is situated on the other side of the road.

BROADSTAIRS

Compensation.—The sum of £287 10s. has been accepted by Broadstairs Council as compensation for various huts on the foreshore.

Insurance Increase.—In view of the wartime rise in costs, Broadstairs Council have increased their insurance in respect of fire and lighting risk by 25 per cent.

Optimism.—Towards the funds of the Travel and Industrial Development Association Broadstairs Council propose to contribute £10 10s. for the year 1942-3.

Mrs. Raven's Estate.—Mrs. Margaret Maxwell Raven, widow of Dr. T. F. Raven, of Broadstairs, left estate valued at £20,985.

Long Service.—For many years in the employ of Broadstairs Council, Mr. G. B. Austen is to retire on pension on reaching the age of 65 on 5th March.

Emergency Reports.—Reports upon the more important matters dealt with by the Emergency Committee for Civil Defence are in future to be presented monthly to Broadstairs Council in committee.

Superannuation Payments.—The superannuation contributions of employees on war service whose service pay is less than their civil pay are being paid by Broadstairs Council in cases where the Council are not making up the difference in pay.

Charities Representative.—In succession to Councillor E. K. Minter, Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of Broadstairs Council, has been appointed the Council's representative trustee on the Thanet Parochial Charities.

Unsuitable Sites.—Broadstairs Council reported on Monday that they did not consider sites selected for two temporary fire stations were suitable. An expenditure of £1,191 on the construction of one of the stations has already been approved.

Engineering Examination.—Mr. A. B. Ghent, temporary engineering assistant in the Surveyor's Department, has been congratulated by Broadstairs Council on passing Parts III and IV of the intermediate examination of the Institute of Municipal Engineers.

Pierremont Tomatoes.—The glass-houses and adjoining ground at Pierremont pleasure grounds, Broadstairs, are again to be used for tomato growing this year and the Surveyor, Mr. S. W. Richardson, has been authorised to purchase the necessary seeds.

Death of Mr. T. C. Vile.—The Rector of Broadstairs (Rev. C. H. Bailey) conducted the service at the interment at St. Peter's on Wednesday of Mr. Thomas Charles Vile, who passed away at his home, 14 Inverness-terrace, Broadstairs, on Boxing Day, at the age of 53.

Troopers at Broadstairs.—The Mayor of Ramsgate's Troopers Concert Party gave an entertainment at the Pavilion, Broadstairs, on Boxing Night. The collection, which amounted to £8 6s. 9d., is being divided between the Prisoners of War Fund and Mrs. B. J. Pearson's Wool Fund.

Hospital Unit at Broadstairs.—The new Thanet mobile hospital unit, the gift of the women of India, is to be on view in the grounds of Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs, on Thursday afternoon. At the monthly meeting of the Council on Monday the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said the unit would form a valuable part of the civil defence services in Thanet.

Carol Party's Success.—The sum of £12 2s. 6d., which has been equally divided between the British Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund and Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund, was raised by a Broadstairs carol party composed of members of the Ambulance service. Led by Miss Vyse, the party included Mrs. Hitch and the Misses Light, Fay Hitch, Hawes and B. and J. Bridges.

Full-time Education.—Compulsory full-time attendance at school was resumed at Broadstairs and St. Peter's on Monday. Boys who have been attending the Council School, St. Mildred's-avenue, had to report to Mr. T. O. Studd at the Church of England School, and girls and infants had to report to the Council School on the same day. Mr. Studd is returning to Broadstairs from Tamworth, Staffordshire.

Hard Hit Ratepayers.—In December the Finance Committee of Broadstairs Council, after considering 11 more cases of hardship, agreed to make certain remissions of rates due from the applicants. The committee will meet again next Monday to consider further cases. Sixty-three more proposals for the amendment of the valuation list were also considered by the Rating and Valuation Committee in December.

Welcome Red Cross Parcels.—In a letter to his mother at Broadstairs, Pte. Stanley Kemp, The Buffs, a prisoner of war, states that he has been moved from Stalag XX A to Stalag XX B and has been working in a beet sugar factory. Enclosing a group photograph taken during the summer, Pte. Kemp added that the boys were now in good billets, getting better food and receiving more regularly the Red Cross parcels for which they are most grateful.

Good Companions.—Having collected £5 2s. 6d. by a special effort to provide aid for Russia, members of the Good Companions at St. Peter's utilised the money to buy wool which is being converted into garments urgently needed by our Russian allies. The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, president of the Good Companions, has been presented with a pull-over made by two of the members, and the secretary, Mr. A. Fagg, has been presented with a case and notebook.

Funeral of Mr. L. Burvill.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Thursday of Mr. Lacy Burvill, who passed away at his home, 29 Clarendon-road, Broadstairs, at the age of 81. A life-long resident of Broadstairs, Mr. Burvill was formerly employed as a carpenter and joiner. The funeral service was conducted by the Rector of Broadstairs (Rev. C. H. Bailey) and the family mourners were the widow, Mr. L. F. Burvill (son), Miss R. Burvill and Mrs. G. Graves (daughters), Mr. P. H. Shelvey and Mr. E. Austin (nephews).

Won M.C. in Last War.—Under the heading "25 Years Ago," the January issue of "The Dragon," regimental journal of The Buffs, records the award of the Military Cross to Lt. (Temp. Maj.) Thomas S. Emery, The Buffs, attached Middlesex Regiment, of Broadstairs. The official announcement of the award of 25 years ago stated that, with a private, Maj. Emery attacked and held off ten of the enemy, thereby preventing the enemy from entering our line at a vital point. He displayed great courage and initiative throughout.

MARGATE

Injured Witness.—When the case in which Harold Bourne, of Beatrice-road, Margate, was summoned for driving a motor vehicle without due care and attention, was called at Margate police court on Wednesday, the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) asked for an adjournment as one of the witnesses had not yet recovered from injuries. The hearing was postponed until 21st January.

Mayor's Gifts.—Generous response to the appeal for subscriptions made by the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare) enabled the Mayor to make gifts of a hundredweight of coal and a parcel of Christmas fare to about 100 local people in poor and deserving circumstances. The Mayor hopes to be able to make further gifts of coal.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS EXAMS

An examination for the award of special places and for admission to Chatham House School and Clarendon House School, Ramsgate, evacuated to Stafford, will be held on Saturday, 7th March.

Children living in Kent who were born in 1931 and who seek admission either as special pupils or fee-paying pupils should enter for the examination. Kent children who have been evacuated will be examined in the area in which they are residing.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Overdraft.—The net balance overdrawn at the bank by Ramsgate Town Council on 23rd December was £61,070 13s. 7d.

Police Cars.—Substitute cars for the Hillman and Austin cars are to be purchased for use in connection with Ramsgate Police Force.

Births and Deaths.—During October and November the births were registered at Ramsgate of nine boys and seven girls. Deaths registered in the same period numbered 25—16 males and nine females.

Coal Supplies.—The contract with Chislet Colliery Co Ltd. for the supply of coal for Ramsgate Corporation gas undertaking is to be renewed on the same conditions as at present exist.

Death of Licensee's Widow.—Widow of Mr. J. E. Miller, for many years licensee of the Queen Charlotte Inn, Addington-street, Ramsgate, Mrs. Charlotte Ann Miller has passed away at Godney, Wells, Somerset, aged 82 years.

Diphtheria Immunisation. — Ramsgate Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) has reported to the Public Health Committee that there has been a satisfactory increase in the number of children applying for immunisation against diphtheria.

Pavilion License.—As the license in respect of the St. Lawrence Cliffs Pavilion, Ramsgate, expires shortly, the Town Clerk has been instructed to make application at the next Brewster Sessions for its renewal for a further term of 2½ years.

Library Shelter Exit.—Ramsgate Town Council have authorised the Borough Engineer to provide an emergency exit at the Public Library basement shelter by connecting it with the tunnel shelter constructed under the library grounds for the N.F.S.

Christmas Remembrance.—By a happy thought the Christmas Day collection at Christ Church, Ramsgate, which amounted to £5 11s. 1d., was allocated to the Prisoners of War Fund of a regiment with whom the members of the congregation had become friendly during the past yaer.

Ramsgate Boxing Champion.—A former member of the Ramsgate Boxing Club, Sgt. A. E. V. Ansell, of the Hampshire Regiment, has won the Brigade welter-weight boxing championship. Sgt. Ansell, who is 23 years of age, is also a member of the Hampshire Regiment's "Tiger Dance Band," in which he plays the accordion.

Three More Cases.—Three more cases of committing a nuisance contrary to public decency in the street were dealt with by the magistrates at Ramsgate on Monday. George Twigg, aged 62, furrier, of Artillery-road, and Allan Dennis, aged 42, labourer, of Newcastle-hill, were each fined 5s., and John Gisby, aged 60, unemployed labourer, of Portland-court, was fined 2s. 6d.

Snooker Final.—The vice-president (Mr. L. Rengert) defeated the president (Mr. P. R. Derry) in the final of the Christmas snooker handicap at Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club on Friday. Both players started from scratch. Mr. Derry took the first game but the second and third games went to Mr. Rengert. In the semi-finals Mr. Derry defeated Mr. P. G. Houghton and Mr. Rengert defeated Mr. H. Bligh.

Congregational Party.—Community singing led by Mr. H. Haworth, A.R.A.M., the church organist, and games and competitions conducted by Miss F. Hazlewood were features of the happy new year party held in the parlour of the Ramsgate Congregational Church. Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. W. W. Harman, Mrs. D. Boyden and Miss M. Muirhead, and a collection was taken in aid of the London Missionary Society. Those joining in the jollity included the Minister, the Rev. Stanley B. Green.

Masons' New Master.—The installation meeting of the Royal Navy Lodge of Freemasons, No. 429, was held at the Masonic Temple, Ramsgate, on Thursday. W. Bro. G. J. Kemp, who was installed as Worshipful Master by W. Bro. C. F. Wraight, invested as his officers: Bro. E. J. Yeo, S.W.; Bro. A. Betts, J.W.; W. Bro. E. Langley, chaplain; W. Bro. F. T. Blackburn, treasurer; W. Bro. S. E. Standen, secretary; W. Bro. G. J. Edwards, D.C.; Bro. C. B. Pearce, S.D.; Bro. W. G. Young, J.D.; Bro. F. W. Griggs, A.D.C.; Bro. P. A. Goddard, assistant secretary; Bro. P. E. Stanley, I.G.; W. Bro. W. J. Austen, C.R.; Bros. J. E. W. Billings, S. J. Spells, L. Buckmaster, R. A. Shaw, T. W. Lukehurst and H. L. Watford, stewards, and Bro. J. H. Barrett, tyler.

SOLDIER'S MANSTON BRIDE

The wedding took place at St. Lawrence Church on 27th December of Miss Florence Rose White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. White, of 5 High-street, Manston, and Pte. Arthur George Tucker, The Buffs, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Tucker, of Belfore-road, W. Ealing.

The Vicar (Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper) officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a white satin gown and carried a prayer book. She was attended by the Misses E. and G. White (sisters), who wore blue and orange frocks.

Mr. F. Harrison acted as best man.

FIRE GUARD APPOINTMENT

Ramsgate Corporation Fire Guard Committee, of which the Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, has been appointed chairman, have appointed Mr. G. E. Baker, Fire Guard depot superintendent, to the post of Fire Guard assistant staff officer at a salary at the rate of £275 a year as from 20th December, 1941.

There were seven applications for the post and from the six unsuccessful candidates the Chief Constable and Borough Surveyor have been authorised to select a new Fire Guard depot superintendent.

BUFFS CASUALTIES

A War Office casualty list reports that Sgt. E. F. Hannan and Pte. R. Dyson, of The Buffs, have been killed.

Pte. F. C. Burchett, of The Buffs, has died of wounds as a prisoner of war.

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ALWAYS INTERESTING

Extracts from letters recently received from readers renewing their postal subscriptions to the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO in 1942:

"It is always interesting to see what is happening in the old place."—From St. Matthew's Vicarage, City-road, E.C.1.

"We enjoy the ECHO each week to keep in touch with Thanet pending the return of peaceful times."—From Sutton, Surrey.

"With best wishes for the prosperity of the THANET ADVERTISER during 1942."—From Finsbury, E.C.1.

"Thanking you for prompt deliveries in the past six months."—From Presteign, Radnorshire.

"Thank you for sending the paper without fail to us every week. Whichever member of the family finds it on the mat feels entitled to open it, although I point out to them that it is addressed to me. I would like to think that in 1942 we were coming back to Ramsgate. A happy new year to the staff."—From Wembley Park, Middlesex.

"Will you please send on the paper for another three months for we look forward to it so much."—From Wimborne, Dorset.

"I enclose the usual to ensure the ever-welcome 'Thanet' arriving each Saturday."—From Swindon, Wilts.

YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE

ADMIRAL OPENS MINSTER WARSHIP WEEK

Minster is now holding its Warship Week. By Saturday it is hoped that a sum of £3,000 will have been raised to help swell the total for Eastry and district.

The Week was opened at Church-street by Vice-Adml. B. Ramsay, C.B., M.V.O., who said everybody realised the necessity of saving money to build weapons to fight the enemy. If we did not have the weapons we should lose the war and life under Hitler would not be worth living. "So," he added, "it boils down to 'your money or your life'."

The ceremony was attended by troops under the command of Lt. Drinkwater and a detachment of the Home Guard under the command of Sgt.-Maj. A. G. Fright.

Adml. Ramsay was welcomed by Councillor W. Loveday, who said Eastry rural district hoped to raise £70,000 during the Week, and thanked by Maj. W. Howard, O.B.E.

HASTENING VICTORY

BROADSTAIRS BACKS UP FIGHTING FORCES

When Broadstairs Council met for the first time in 1942 at Pierremont Hall on Monday the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) expressed good wishes for the new year to the members of the Council, the staff, the press and the people of Broadstairs, wherever they might be.

"The past year has been a difficult one for many of us," said Councillor Pearson, "and especially for those whose duty it has been to remain in Broadstairs. I think, nevertheless, looking back, that there are many things for which we must be thankful."

Those whose duty it was to look after the welfare of the town during the coming year would do all they could to back up the fighting services, and so hasten the victory. He felt that when the year came to an end they would be able to look forward to a happier time.

MAKING ENDS MEET

AT BROADSTAIRS RESTAURANT

Although the increased charges for meals had been in operation only a week, Broadstairs British Restaurant practically paid its way during the four weeks ending 22nd November.

Actually the deficit was increased by 4s. 10d. to £51 10s. 9d.

In the first three weeks 2,723 meals were served at 8d. and 213 at 4d. In the last week 817 were served at 9d. and 62 at 5d. A total of 1,312 teas at 1½d. brought the takings up to £134 8s. 11d.

The average weekly attendance was 954. The decrease in attendance when the prices were increased did not affect the average takings but involved serving less food.

ODEON FILM FANS

RAISE £89 FOR RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN

The splendid total of £89 2s. 3d. was contributed last week to the funds of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation by patrons of the Odeon Theatre, Ramsgate.

The collections were undertaken by local members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade assisted by members of the British Red Cross under the direction of Mrs. Saunders (Broadstairs) and Mrs. Lockwood (Westgate). Mrs. Henshaw and Mrs. Britcher, of Ramsgate Health Department, also rendered useful aid, and Mr. J. M. West acted as hon. treasurer.

To all the collectors who helped towards the success of the effort Mr. L. A. Stammers, manager of the Odeon, has expressed his grateful thanks.

Similar collections were made at other Odeon cinemas as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Oscar Deutsch.

MILK IN DIRTY BOTTLES

Complaints regarding milk being supplied in dirty bottles have been investigated at Ramsgate by Mr. E. Young, the Senior Sanitary Inspector, who took the matter up with the dairyman concerned.

Of three samples of bottled milk examined for cleanliness two were satisfactory but the third was not.

Five samples taken from accredited milk producers for bacteriological examination all passed the prescribed tests as to cleanliness.

DEFICIENCY ON GAS

To meet the deficiency on the Ramsgate Corporation gas undertaking for the year ended 31st March, 1941, the remaining credit balance of £4,317 1s. 2d. is being transferred from the Reserve Fund and the net deficiency of £11,474 4s. 3d. is being transferred to General Rate Fund Revenue Account.

PRIZES FOR WASTE PAPER

THANET TOWNS ENTER CONTEST

The Thanet towns are engaging in friendly rivalry in the effort to bring to the district a share of the prizes offered in the January waste paper contest.

Ramsgate has set as its aim the collection of 200 tons of waste paper and cardboard during the month.

To achieve this total an average of 1lb. per head of population will have to be collected daily.

The Council of Social Service, which is co-operating with the Corporation in the campaign, hopes for a particularly generous response from the townspeople in the matter of old books.

"Stop dusting the books and let the books dust the Germans" is a slogan that should appeal strongly to housewives.

Special vehicles will make a house-to-house collection next week.

BROADSTAIRS' PART

The part which Broadstairs intends to play in the campaign was outlined by the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) at a meeting of the Urban District Council on Monday.

Before the competition was announced the Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) was already very active in the matter of waste paper collection, said Councillor Pearson. The efforts would now be linked up with the competition. There was to be a door-to-door collection of waste paper and sacks would be provided in which confidential papers could be placed, sealed, and sent direct to the mills. He thought this was going to make a lot of difference to people who had been holding back papers of a confidential nature.

In addition, said Councillor Pearson, handbills would be distributed by wardens, there would be advertisements in the local press and arrangements had been made for a slide to be shown on the screen at the cinema.

In reply to a question by Councillor F. Foster, the Surveyor said that people having confidential papers should notify him. Either he or his assistant would then be present with the owner of the documents at the sealing of the sack and in their presence the sack would be taken to the railway station and placed in a special truck. On arrival at the mills the papers would be baled directly and he would receive a certificate to that effect.

£1,000 TO BE WON

As previously reported, £20,000 donated by a group of public-spirited citizens is being provided by the Waste Paper Recovery Association as prize money in the contest, for the purpose of which the country has been divided into 20 areas. The Thanet towns are included in area 17 which comprises Kent and Surrey. The prizes for the area are 1st £500, 2nd £250 3rd £100, and there will also be three consolation prizes of £50 each.

The prizes will be allocated among the local authorities in the area (city, town, urban or rural) which between 1st and 31st January inclusive collect most by weight of waste paper and cardboard per head of population based on the local Food Officer's latest return.

It is a condition of the contest that one-half of any prize money won shall be donated by the Local Authority to one or more of the following national charities:

The Red Cross,
Mrs. Churchill's Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund,
R.A.F. Benevolent Fund,
Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association.

The remaining half will be given to any local charity or charities designated by the successful Local Authority.

For example, a Local Authority winning a first prize of £500 may decide to donate £250 to the Red Cross and the balance either to a local hospital or to be divided among a number of local charities. The distribution of one-half of the prize money will be the concern solely of the Local Authority.

Local Authorities can include in their figures all waste paper and cardboard collected by waste paper merchants and voluntary organisations from non-council sources within their area.

So that there shall be no undue use of paper no forms will be used in this competition All that the Waste Paper Recovery Association wants is a certified record of tonnage collected in the district of every Local Authority in the country.

The judges of this competition are:

Sir Vyvyan Board, Chairman of the Salvage and Recovery Board, Ministry of Supply,
Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C.,
Sidney T. Garland, General Manager of the Waste Paper Recovery Association Limited.

Their decision will be final.

THE PRICE THE NAVY PAYS

There has been a heavy price to pay in men and in ships for the achievements of the year. More than 100 warships of all classes have been lost during 1941. The world remembers easily big tragedies like the sinking of the Hood with virtually all hands, like the destruction of the Prince of Wales and Repulse, like the long-drawn agony of the end of the Ark Royal. But those do not represent the bulk of the Navy's losses. Nearly a score of destroyers, half a score of submarines, three score corvettes, minesweepers and other auxiliaries have been recorded as sunk in Admiralty bulletins during the year, bulletins that all too often receive from the daily Press but a condensed four lines among "Other News Items."—H. C. Ferraby in the new year issue of "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record."

RAMSGATE MAN IN MANILA

Mr. and Mrs. J. Blinko, of Ramsgate, have received many messages of sympathetic enquiry from friends sharing their anxiety regarding the safety of their son, Mr. Jack Blinko, who is in Manila.

Mr. Blinko, jun., holds an important business appointment in Manila but both he and his wife have recently been actively engaged in war service.

News received by cable last week stated that they were still safe and well, despite the heavy air assaults made on Manila since it had been declared an open city.

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TWO CHILDREN SCALDED

Suffering severely from scalded legs, two Margate children, Anthony Hall, aged five, and Rene Hall, aged four, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, of 20 Canterbury-road, were admitted to Margate General Hospital on Thursday.

The children were at home with an elder sister when one of them pulled a kettle of boiling water off the fire and upset it.

Mrs. Hall, who was working at a house nearby, arrived home almost immediately after the accident had taken place.

COCNCIL'S KEY PERSONNEL

Following the raising of the age-limit for reserved occupations, Broadstairs Council have instructed the Clerk to apply, when the time arrives, for the individual reservation as key personnel of the Deputy Clerk, Deputy Surveyor, Deputy Treasurer and the chief clerk in the Clerk's Department.

Intimation has been received by the Council that the senior assistant in the Rating and Valuation Department will not be called up for military service and that the senior clerk in the Treasurer's Department and the costing clerk in the Surveyor's Department will not be called up until after 31st March.

AMBULANCE WORK APPRECIATED

Miss M. H. Bird, of Chislehurst, joint secretary of the County of Kent War Organisation of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John, has received a letter from Surg. Lt. Cdr. Palmer expressing his great appreciation of the work done by the Ramsgate war organisation ambulance and staff during 1941.

In particular he mentioned the work done by Cpl. D. L. Thomas which is being reported to the committee.

TROOPERS TO BE FILMED

The Mayor of Ramsgate's Troopers Concert Party is establishing for itself a name well beyond the confines of Thanet.

The Troopers will shortly be appearing on the "silver screen" for a Fox Film unit is to visit Ramsgate tomorrow and take shots of the various members of the party going about their daily work.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) has recently had letters from a number of song and sketch writers offering him numbers for the show.

A SHILLING PER CHILD

In a case heard at Ramsgate police court on Monday it was stated that the defendant had five children.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): As he has five children he will be fined 5s.

DEARER ELECTRICITY

The Ramsgate and District Electric Supply Co. Ltd. announce to-day a further revision of rates which will forthwith increase the cost of electricity to 30 per cent. above the price in force prior to the war.

MINSTER TEACHER'S NEW POST

Miss A. Jobson, of Minster Church of England Infants' School, has been appointed head teacher of St. Stephen's Council School, Tonbridge.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Sutton.—29th December, at Dunfermline Maternity Hospital, to Madge (née Williams), wife of A. W. F. Sutton, the gift of a son (Alan Eric). Both well.

MARRIAGES

Arnold—Hill.—26th December, at St. Ethelbert and Gertrude Roman Catholic Church, Ramsgate, Pte. Clarence Arnold, of Ramsgate, to Cecilia Hill, of Broadstairs.

Baker—Reeves.—27th December, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, Richard Daniel Baker, R.A.F., of Westbrook, Margate, to Dorothy May Reeves, of Westgate-on-Sea.

Dobby—Harker.—26th December, at St. Nicholas' Church, Strood, by the Rev. Clark, William Henry Dobby, formerly of Ramsgate, to Elsie Adelaide Harker, of Strood.

Marsh—Tumber.—27th December, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, S. A. Marsh, of Crockham-hill, to Lucy Tumber, of Bexley, Kent.

Teall—Daisy.—27th December, at Ramsgate Register Office, Percy Buckley Teall to Esther Daisy, both of Ramsgate.

SILVER WEDDING

Pettman—Ross.—27th December, 1916, at Emmanuel Church, Margate, Edward George William Pettman, of Northwood, to Rose Elizabeth Ross, of Margate. Present address: 18 St. David's-road, Ramsgate

DEATHS

Adams.—26th December, Vincent Adams, late of 50 Hardres-street, Ramsgate, aged 51 years.

Andrews.—25th December, at 2 Marsh View-terrace, Monkton, Clara Andrews, aged 75 years.

Burvill.—28th December, at 29 Clarendon-road, Broadstairs, Lacy Burvill, aged 81 years.

Hogbin.—28th December, at 3 Clifton-road, Margate, Mary Ann Hogbin, aged 85 years.

Hopper.—31st December, at Redcott, Danes-mead-terrace, Margate, Irene Hopper, aged 18 years.

Lambert.—24th December, at Glenwood, Monkton-road, Minster, Olive Sarah Lambert, aged 51 years.

Martin.—21st December, peacefully, at Oxford, Henrietta Sarah Martin, aged 95 years, of 33 Gladstone-road, Broadstairs.

Miller.—27th December, at Godney, Wells, Somerset, Charlotte Ann Miller, widow of the late John Epps Miller, of Ramsgate, aged 82 years.

Pearson.—27th December, at Melbourne Villa, Monkton-road, Minster, Gladys May Pearson, aged 33 years.

Vile.—26th December, at Stanley House, Inverness-terrace, Broadstairs, Thomas Charles Vile, aged 53 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Moore.—In loving memory of Frederick W. Moore, who was suddenly called home 4th January, 1941. Never forgotten by his loving wife, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews.

1 Mays Villa, May-road, Ramsgate.

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